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Appendix A

Sample Mission Statements

Sample # 1:

The (reporting system) is dedicated to the reduction of violent injuries and deaths.

The (reporting system) provides comprehensive, objective, and accurate information (data) regarding violence-related morbidity and mortality.

The (reporting system) collaborates with policy makers, community-based organizations and agencies, and with individuals at local, regional, and national levels to support effective prevention strategies.

Sample # 2:

Our Mission is to:

Increase scientific understanding of violent injury through research.

Translate research findings into prevention strategies.

Disseminate knowledge of violent injury and prevention to professionals and the public.

Appendix B

Letter of Invitation for Advisory Board Members

Date	
Name Title Agency Address City, State, Zip Code	Sample
Dear:	
The State Health Department is participating in the (NVDRS), with data collection occurring at the state or a representative of your agency to participate or system.	te and local level. I would like to invite you
The goal of this system is to capture information for the information gathered in this system will inform prevention groups, and policy makers in our communication violence here in (state).	n police, public health officials, violence
To facilitate the development of the NVDRS, an action will meet quarterly. Working meetings will will not extend beyond two hours.	
The board will focus on the technical aspects of de system. The board will be made up of individuals/injury reporting systems and persons representing data (coroners/medical examiners, law enforcement	organizations with experience in conducting organizations that can provide the needed
Please contact (name) at the State Health Departm from your agency is willing to serve on the advisor assistance.	
Sincerely,	

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Appendix C

Suggested List of Advisory Board Members

Academic Departments

- Biostatistics
- Criminal Justice
- Development
- Epidemiology
- Rehabilitation & Disability

American College of Emergency Physicians

Anti-Violence Advocates

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms

Child Fatality Review Committee

City Health Departments

 Health Educator/Health Commissioner

Community Groups

• Youth Service Organizations

Coroner/Medical Examiner (C/ME) Association

- State or local C/ME
- Toxicologist

Department of Justice (or equivalent)

Department of Natural Resources

• Hunter Safety Coordinator

Domestic Violence Service or Prevention Organizations

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Nursing Association

Faith Community

Federal and State Prosecutors

Fire and Police Commission

Firearm Owners/Shooters Association

 National Rifle Association state affiliate

Hospital/Trauma Center

- ED Nurse/Physician
- Trauma Nurse/Physician

Local Business

Local or State Politicians

Police/Sheriff Department

 Police Management/Data/ Research

Professional Law Enforcement Associations

Police Chiefs Association

State Crime Laboratory

• Firearm/Toolmark Examiners

State Public Health Association

Suicide Prevention Organization

Vital Records/Statistics

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Appendix D

Sample Summary Elements for an IRB Protocol

Introduction: Statement of hypotheses, aims and objectives

Sample Language:

The program of ongoing surveillance and reporting described in this summary protocol does not involve clinical research, but does involve the observation of human behavior recorded in such a manner that human subjects are necessarily identified both directly and through identifiers linked to the subject. Subjects include injury victims as well as perpetrators and, depending upon the circumstances of the event, may include identification of relatives and acquaintances of injury victims and perpetrators. The observations of human subjects, if they became known outside the program, could reasonably place some subjects at risk of liability or be damaging to their financial standing or employment. Further, the research and analysis contemplated here may deal with sensitive aspects of a subject's own behavior such as violent or illegal conduct and drug or alcohol use. See, 45 CFR Section 46.101. While basic injury surveillance is not considered human subjects research by the CDC, these linked data sets and analyses conducted with information collected in this project may be deemed human subjects research by institutional review boards.

Funding sources

Duration of funding

Anticipated duration of project (may be different than the duration of current funding)

Need for the project/program and potential benefits

Sample Language:

The purposes for collecting and maintaining accurate and complete information about violent and intentional injuries including all firearm injuries are to assist in the development and evaluation of policies and strategies designed to reduce injuries and deaths.

Homicides and suicides are a significant public health problem, accounting for more than 46,000 deaths (1999) in the U.S., with 16,889 homicides and 29,199 suicides. If aggregated, violent deaths would be the eighth leading cause of death in the U.S. In 1999 more than 1.2 million years of potential life were lost (before age 65) due to violent-related deaths in the U.S. Firearm-related deaths (which account for 65% of homicides and 60% of suicides) are estimated to account for 59% of the years of life lost due to violent injury. ¹⁵

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It is estimated that 2.7 million criminal assaults to persons 12 years and older resulting in injury to the victim occurred in 1994, and an estimated 750,000 parasuicides that result in emergency department visits and hospitalizations occur annually. While progress has been made to further our understanding of intentional injuries, little is known about emerging trends and characteristics of these events either nationally or within states or communities. Important questions either cannot be answered, or resources are not in place to shed light on this important public health problem, so that effective prevention strategies can be developed, tested and evaluated. This project is a linked system of data sets regarding intentional injuries that when analyzed over time may yield critical information for the development of injury intervention strategies and the evaluation of prevention programs.

Risk to human subjects

Sample Language:

The right of individuals to privacy creates a duty to protect confidentiality to assure that neither identifying information nor records are disclosed without authorization. This includes the risks associated with potential unauthorized disclosure of identifying information (i.e., unauthorized disclosure of privileged communications, release of mental health records, release or modification of electronic records, etc.) including the risk of state and federal privacy law violations.

Unauthorized disclosure or disclosure of information in violation of law or policy by any employee, intern, contractor or associated researcher will be subject to disciplinary action and will be reported to the appropriate employment, academic, or professional authority. Volunteers shall be apprised of these policies and execute an agreement subjecting them to these conditions. In the event that this project receives a request, subpoena or order from any governmental body for production of information or records that may include information identifying or tending to identify individuals, legal counsel will be consulted immediately.

In addition, the method for protecting confidential information should also be addressed. Though the purpose of a reporting system is to collect and make available comprehensive information, the collection and maintenance of linked, identifiable information, especially in an electronic database, creates a duty to preserve such information from disclosure, destruction, or corruption.

Request for exemption or expedited review

Sample Language:

Other than the risks involved in unauthorized public disclosure, human subjects are not at risk of intrusive injury or other physical harm or disease as a result of this proposed surveillance, interpretation and analysis. Therefore, this summary of protocol is eligible for an expedited review.

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Description of data elements

This may include or be the same as the Uniform Data Elements¹³ (which includes the data elements and the corresponding data providers). This may also be accomplished by attaching a data collection form. Additional data elements should be noted as well.

Participation in the NVDRS

A description of how information will be shared with researchers and the NVDRS should be included (see section on Privacy Protection and Information Policies).

Appendix E

Open Records Request

Name Title Agency Address City, State, Zip Code
Dear:
I am writing to request records under the (State) Open Records Law, Sec XXXX (State) Statutes.
Specifically, I request a copy of the (police/medical examiner/crime lab) report on the (type of death) of (victim name/suspect name) that occurred on mm/dd/yyyy.
I am with the State Health Department. This information will be entered in our existing database of violent deaths (homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm deaths and deaths of undetermined intent) for (state/location). Personal identifiers are maintained confidentially. I understand there may be a fee for each page of the report copied. Please advise me on the most efficient way to submit this payment. I appreciate your assistance with this request. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (phone number). Should any portion of this request be denied, I request that such denial be made in writing in accordance with Sec. XXXX, (State) Statutes.
Cordially,

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Summary of Data Sources Used by NVISS Sites

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C/ME	X	X	X	X	X	X-part	X	X	X	X	X
SHR	(X)		X			X	X	X	X	(X)	X
Crime Lab	X		X(PD)	(X)		X-part	X	X	X		X
Police	X	X	X-part	(X)	X		X-part	X	X	X-part	X
Other Sources											
ATF	X										X
Criminal history								X(PD)			X
Emergency Dept	X	X				X		X		X	
UHDDS*					X		X				X

X Uses this data source

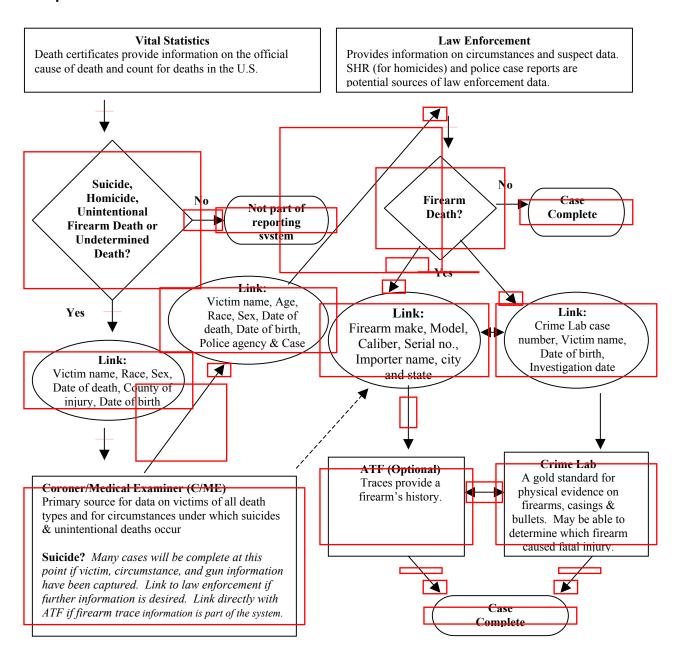
(X) Soon to use this data source

* Uniform Hospital Discharge Data System

Source: Survey of NVISS pilot sites conducted in 2001

Appendix G

Sample NVISS Case Flow Chart



Note: There are a variety of approaches to gathering data on violent deaths; the above is one prototype. Not all variables listed in the links are required but represent a list of potential data elements that may be needed to link cases between data sources.

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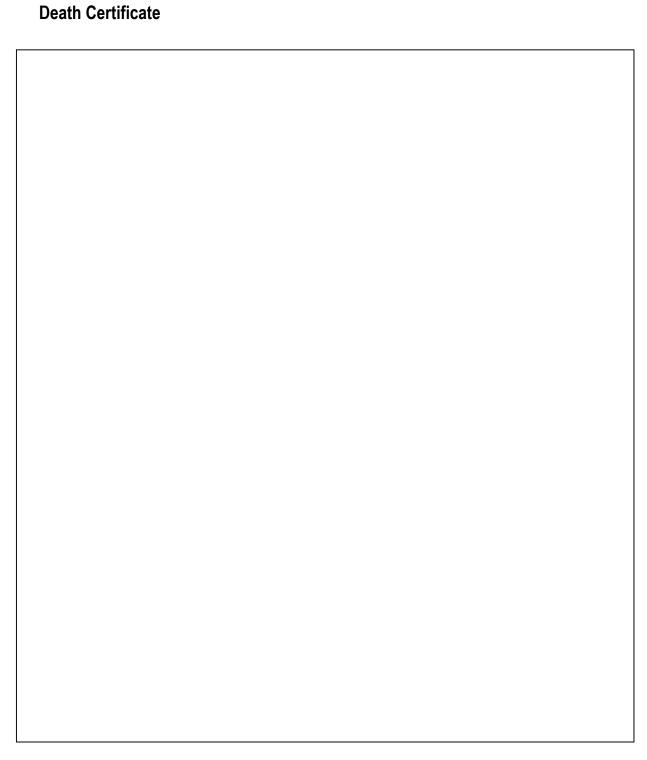
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Appendix H

Letter for Contacting Data Providers

Date	
Name Title Agency Address City, State, Zip Code	Sample
Dear Data Provider:	
I am writing to let you know about a statewide in suicides, and other violent deaths that occur in ou together what we know about today's violent deat to meet with you to get your perspective on this a	r state. The purpose of the database is to link ths to help prevent tomorrow's. I would like
I am looking to put in place a Violent Death Reports comprehensive data for use in planning and evaluant and fatalities. Likewise, the VDRS will coordinate such as vital records, medical examiners/coroners. Our efforts are funded through a cooperative agree Control and Prevention.	ating policies aimed at preventing injuries te, collect and analyze data from data sources s, law enforcement, and crime laboratories.
I will be contacting you by phone to follow-up. It concerns, please feel free to contact me at (phone in this important and timely project.	
Sincerely,	

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Appendix J

Supplementary Homicide Report

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Supplementary Homicide Report

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National Incident Based Reporting System Form

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Appendix L

Firearm Trace Report DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS NATIONAL TRACING CENTER Phone: (800) 788-7133 Fax: (800) 578-7223 FIREARMS TRACE SUMMARY Request Date: Trace Number: FIREARM INFORMATION Manufacturer: Model: Caliber: Badge No: Serial Number: Investigation No: Type: Country: Importer: Obliterated: Identifying Marks: NIBIN: Gang Name: PURCHASER INFORMATION Purchase Date: RECOVERY INFORMATION Recovery Date: Time to Crime: Weight: ID 1: #: ID 2: #: DEALER INFORMATION Ship Date: Out of Business ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION Phone: SUMMARY OF RESULTS | Additional Remarks: The information in this report must be validated with the Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) prior to use in any criminal proceedings. App. 17

Appendix M

Abbreviations

ATF Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

C/ME Coroner or Medical Examiner

FARS Fatality Analysis Reporting System

FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation

FFL Federal Firearms Licensee

FOIA Freedom of Information Act

HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

ICD-9 International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision

ICD-9-CM International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision,

Clinical Modification

ICD-10 International Classification of Disease, 10th Revision

IRB Institutional Review Board

NCHS National Center for Health Statistics

NIBRS National Incident Based Reporting System

NVDRS National Violent Death Reporting System

NVISS National Violent Injury Statistics System

SHR Supplementary Homicide Report

UCR Uniform Crime Reporting Program

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